

PLEASURE AFTER BUSINESS.

ELECTRICIANS OFF FOR PROVIDENCE.

PRAISE FOR MAYOR HEWITT—EX-GOVERNOR CORNELL'S LETTER NOT WELL RECEIVED.

The last session of the Electric Light Association's convention was held yesterday, and the delegates considered that the results of the meetings were, on the whole, extremely satisfactory. After dinner matters of routine business were settled, a report was made by Frank Ridlon, of Boston, chairman of the Committee on Insurance Exchange, and the following committee was appointed by President Duncan to collect information on methods of burying high-tension electric conductors: Chairman, E. J. Lynch, O. H. Barney, H. Crocker, E. H. Davis, and Walter C. Kern. The following resolution regarding Mayor Hewitt's speech before the convention, offered by Mr. Stewart, of Baltimore, was adopted:

Resolved, That the National Electric Light Association, after the hearty sympathy with which it was expressed by His Honor Mayor Hewitt in his address before the Association upon the subject of putting the corporation under the control of the state at the present time, no commercially practicable method has been brought to their notice by which such can be placed underground.

Professor Van der Weyde, one of the pioneers in electrical invention, read a paper on alternating and continuous currents, which had an important bearing on the new law regarding the execution of criminals, which comes into effect on January 1, 1889. The Professor gave an account of the experiments recently made on dogs by Harold P. Brown, at Columbia College, and gave it as his opinion that the danger from an electric current was not to be measured by the volts of an alternating current alone, but by the electro-motive force as measured in volts when accompanied by a sufficient volume of current as measured in amperes. He thought Mr. Brown mistaken in his views, and that a direct current of sufficient power could be relied upon to produce death.

The subject of the letter of ex-governor Cornell to Mayor Hewitt, recommending legislation against the use of alternating electric currents, was again before the convention by Dr. Otto A. Moses, and created a stirrer of excitement. Dr. Moses read the letter, and President Duncan asked whether Mr. Cornell wrote as an expert, or on account of his connection with the Western Union Telegraph Company. There were several general remarks made on the subject, and the sentiments of the various members were expressed in the following resolution, offered by Dr. Moses:

Resolved, That the National Electric Light Association emphatically declares that it is beyond doubt possible to produce and distribute high tension currents of the alternating system of gas and water in our dwellings and further that it is received that they would impress all legislatures with the fact that in the electric light and power business there is no greater safety than that of the alternating conductor, and that, to utilize this fact, high-tension currents were adopted in the first stages of development of electric lighting, and have remained to the present day.

Resolved, That it is our conviction that there is no difference in the dangers attending the use of continuous or alternating currents, that the alternating currents may be better used to render them a perfect harmless and practical means of distributing electric power for use in cities.

After the reading of several technical papers a new executive committee was appointed, their chief duty being to arrange for the meeting of the annual convention at Boston in February. The Convention was then adjourned.

In the afternoon the members met at the Electric Club, where a handsome testimonial, consisting of a silver and ebony box and gavel, was presented to the first president and chief promoter of the organization, J. Frank Merriam, of Baltimore. In the evening the delegates sailed for Providence on the steamer *Catfish*, to attend the Rhode Island clambake.

MR. DEPEW TO BE GREETED ROYALLY.

HIS EMPLOYEES AND RAILROAD ASSOCIATES TO HAVE CHARGE OF THE RECEPTION.

The committee of prominent Republicans, friends of Chauncey M. Depew, who are aiding in the arrangements to give him a royal welcome to his return to this country, met yesterday at the Republican county headquarters in Twenty-fifth Street, Carnegie, N. Y., to consider the plans of the State Committee, provided,

that the members of the State Committee, provided,